

7 August 1953

Present.

Members: [REDACTED] CIA, Chairman
CIA
Stanley Wilcox, State
H. J. Gordon, Jr., Army
Theodore A. Georgevitch, Army

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b. Paragraph 3B, CIA: The statement concerning MLRA be deleted and the following be substituted: "FDD should provide complete bibliographic treatment of a selected list of periodicals - the list to be determined by the serials received by FDD and not covered by MLRA, Library of Congress. FDD would thus supplement MLRA for these purposes."

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CIA: Although in the past compilations have been generally satisfactory to the consumer a review establishes that for general purposes there is a greater need for abstracts and extracts rather than compilations. FID as in the past should pay careful attention to the documentation in its reports and should reference the page and line of source materials.

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It was suggested by the Chairman that this would impose a severe burden on FDD and become rather impractical insofar as the newspapers are concerned. There followed a discussion during which the State and Army members stated that line references were not necessary for their purposes. The Chairman suggested that line reference would presuppose that the consumer did not have confidence in the FDD officer and intended to check the report against the source material. This process would take more time than the original report and would pose the question of whether FDD should have reported at all. [REDACTED] withdrew his request for "line" documentation.

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25X1A9a [REDACTED] stated that extract and abstract types of reporting should have emphasis while compilations or collations should first be submitted for review at the initial stage of these requirements for the following reasons: first, to coordinate the request to determine whether its scope should be enlarged; and second, to avoid the encouragement of passive non-productive type of research among the substantive analysts.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] stated that collations as requested from FDD merely presented in one report the foreign documentary information on one subject which then needs to be analyzed against the information from other sources.

4. Section 2d of the Agenda: "What methods of reporting should be used?"

State (Mr. Wilcox): The Department would like a flexible selection to meet the needs of the report itself. Some information is of sufficient importance to call for immediate spot reporting and not held for incorporation in collations. The emphasis however should be on the semi-annual type of collations, although FDD should be prepared to answer at any time on what information is available on any subject. The Department is not interested in press summaries.

Army (Mr. Gordon): Army would like monthly compilations on Order of Battle information and quarterly compilations on training and other types of requirements.

CIA [REDACTED] CIA would primarily like extracts and abstracts with collations only against occasional specific needs.

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5. Section 2e of the Agenda: "What effort should FDD make in non-current publications?"

State (Mr. Wilcox): The heart of the operation is the current take of Soviet publications. This should be the primary effort, therefore the maximum devoted to non-current documents is whatever effort is left after the current material has been exploited. Basic projects will have to be determined at the time their necessity arises but specific searches in basic literature should be considered second priority.

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Army (Mr. Georgevitch): Army agrees with State Department's proposal.

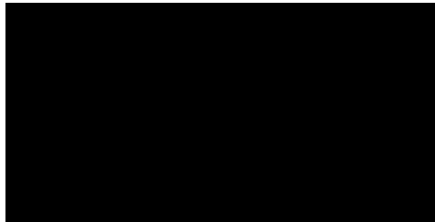
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CIA [REDACTED] CIA agrees in general but has a critical need for quantitative data in some fields which can be satisfied only with some basic study.

6. Agenda for next meeting is the conclusion of examination on USSR publications.

7. Meeting adjourned at 1535 hours, 7 August 1953. The next meeting will be held at 1400 hours, 21 August 1953 in Room 2125 M Building.

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